

Apdo. 630, Cuernavaca, Mor., Mexico

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Dear

Harold

This is a report and request to many friendly Americans whose paths I have crossed during my 68 years as an ^{ex-}earthling, so forgive the printing.

Bobbs-Merrill are publishing my outline history of The American Inquisition, 1945-60 on April 15. They asked me to come to New York at that time, and I have also been invited to speak on the subject of the book at the Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, DC; three churches, Cooper Union and Channel 13 (NY), the universities of Illinois, Chicago, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Purdue, California (Berkeley); and on these other campuses - State U. of NY (Purchase and Buffalo), State U. College (New Paltz), Amherst, M.I.T., Wesleyan, Rutgers, Princeton, Northwestern, Oregon State, Stanford, Cal. State (Chico).

I have applied for a visa to fulfil some of these in the month of April. The Consul, who interviewed me on the basis of a 3-inch-thick dossier, said that Sen. Mike Mansfield had inquired about my "case." I made it clear that I have no apologies to offer for my life and politics, am unsympathetic to the present US regime, but believe in the US tradition of free exchange of ideas.

As you probably recall, I first came to the US at age 21, co-founded the National Guardian (NY) in 1948 and edited it until my deportation in 1955 to my native Britain. As a deportee I may not re-enter the US unless Washington will waive the immigration-law "exclusion clause."

My sessions with the Consul, who said he would "try to get an answer by the end of the month", suggest that this is unlikely unless some pressure can be exerted inside the US. I therefore ask if you will write to the US Attorney General and/or the State Dept., preferably both, contact any honest Congressmen, editors etc. whom you may know, and get others to do likewise. As I can't tell what the situation will be when you receive this, I suggest letters in question form: I think he should get the visa, and is he getting it? Protests, of course, should only come if and when the visa is denied.

You could also mightily help Bobbs-Merrill sell my book by mentioning it to bookstores, libraries and media critics in your area. It is the first attempt to chronicle from a non-Establishment and non-sectarian viewpoint certain recent events which changed America and the world, and which historians have almost ignored.

Yours for no more iron curtains,

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